

CITY OF BREMEN
Council Meeting Minutes
August 17, 2015

Meeting Location:Public Safety Complex • 191 Georgia Avenue North • Bremen, GA 30110

Officials Present: Mayor Sharon Sewell
Council Member W.O. (Sonny) Parrish
Council Member Terry Crawford
Council Member Jane Wilson
Council Member Kyle Shepherd

6:00 P.M.
Work Session
Mayor & City Council
Informal Discussions Session

The Work Session is an informal discussion among Mayor Sewell, City Council Members, Department Heads and the City Attorney. There is no action taken during the work session. The following items were discussed.

Board Appointments
Agenda Items
Haralson County's Tax Mill Rates
Department Head Updates

Mayor Sewell adjourned the work session at 6:50 p.m. to begin the regular council meeting.

7:00 P.M.
City Council Meeting
Mayor & Council Members
Regular Scheduled Session

Agenda

1.

Call to Order

2.

Pledge of Allegiance

3.

Invocation

4.

Review and Modification of the Agenda

5.

Approval of the July 20, 2015 Regular Council Meeting

6.

Rezoning Request by EB Jones & Capo Custom Homes for 2800 Music Mill Road

7.

School Bonds

8.

Carroll EMC Lighting Agreement

9.

2015 Tax Millage Ordinance

10.

Open to the Public

11.

Adjourn

Call to Order
Mayor Sewell called the council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the pledge of allegiance and invocation.

Review & Modification of the Agenda
Mayor Sewell added item 9a to the agenda for the purpose of making appointments to the city’s planning & zoning board, appeals board, recreation board and also to the housing authority board.

Approval of Minutes
Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on July 20, 2015.

A motion made by Council Member Crawford seconded by Council Member Parrish to approve the minutes of the regular council meeting held on July 20, 2015. The motion carried.

Rezoning Request for 2.58 Acres at 2800 Music Mill Road from R12 to C2
Mayor Sewell opened the floor for a public hearing and asked if anyone would like to speak in favor of the rezoning request for 2800 Music Mill Road. There were no speakers. She asked if anyone would like to speak in opposition of the request. There was no one opposing the rezoning request.

There was a gentleman, who stated that he is the current owner of what was previously the home of Mr. Eb Jones, asked if this would interfere with the residential area that is on Five Notch Drive.

Mayor Sewell stated that this rezoning request is only for the 2.58 acres on the corner of Music Mill Road and the Hwy 27 Bypass. She stated that those residents would be unaffected by this rezoning.

Mayor Sewell stated that this comes at the recommendation of the planning & zoning board and she asked for a motion to rezone the 2.58 acres known as 2800 Music Mill Road from R12 to C2.

A motion made by Council Member Parrish seconded by Council Member Crawford to rezone the 2.58 acres at 2800 Music Mill Road from R12 to C2 zoning. The motion carried unanimously.

School Bonds

Mayor Sewell stated that item #7 on the agenda is to change the wording of a school bond that we previously approved. They need the wording in one paragraph be changed to include the last FTE count, which is in October, prior to the November election.

A motion made by Council Member Crawford seconded by Council Member Parrish to change the language of the school bond document as written to include the last FTE count prior to the November election. The motion carried unanimously.

2015 Tax Millage Ordinance

City Manager, Perry Hicks stated that we have published the current and five year history levy for both the City of Bremen Haralson mill rate and the City of Bremen Carroll mill rate. He stated that the proposed Bremen Haralson millage rate is 6.900 and the proposed Bremen Carroll millage rate is 7.228.

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to approve the Bremen Haralson millage rate at 6.90.

Council Member Wilson made a motion, seconded by Council Member Shepherd to approve the Bremen Haralson millage rate at 6.900 for the 2015 tax billing cycle. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to approve the Bremen Carroll millage rate at 7.228.

A motion made by Council Member Wilson seconded by Council Member Crawford to approve the Bremen Carroll millage rate of 7.228 for the 2015 tax billing cycle. The motion carried unanimously.

Board Member Appointments

Planning & Zoning Board

Mayor Sewell stated that we have several boards within the city that have expired and vacant seats and we are ready to make appointments to some of those.

She asked for a motion to reappoint Jason Hulsey to the planning & zoning board.

A motion made by Council Member Wilson seconded by Council Member Crawford to reappoint Jason Hulsey to the planning & zoning board with term ending December 31, 2019. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to reappoint Jim Norton to the planning & zoning board.

A motion made by Council Member Crawford seconded by Council Member Parrish to reappoint Jim Norton to the planning & zoning board with term ending December 31, 2019. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to reappoint Robbie Threadgill to the planning & zoning board with a term ending date of December 31, 2017.

A motion was made by Council Member Crawford seconded by Council Member Parrish to reappoint Robbie Threadgill to the planning & zoning board with term ending December 31, 2017. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to appoint Dino Santelli to the planning & zoning board for a term ending December 31, 2019.

Council Member Parrish seconded by Council Member Crawford made a motion to appoint Dino Santelli to the planning & zoning board for a term ending December 31, 2019. The motion carried unanimously.

Appeals Board

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to reappoint Sever McIntosh to the appeals board.

A motion made by Council Member Wilson seconded by Council Member Crawford to reappoint Steve McIntosh to the appeals board. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to reappoint Bill Miller to the appeals board.

Council Member Crawford made a motion to reappoint Bill Miller to the appeals board. Council Member Parrish seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to appoint Jay Rogers to the appeals board.

A motion made by Council Member Wilson seconded by Council Member Parrish to appoint Jay Rogers to the appeals board. The motion carried unanimously.

Housing Authority Board

Mayor Sewell stated that Kenneth Smith who is currently serving on the Housing Authority Board is having some health issues and is no longer able to serve on the board. She asked for a motion to appoint Robert League to the housing authority board with a five-year term ending February 2, 2020.

Council Member Crawford made a motion seconded by Council Member Parrish to appoint Robert League to the housing authority board with term ending February 2, 2020. The motion carried unanimously.

Recreation Commission Board

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to reappoint Justin Sellers to the recreation board.

A motion made by Council Member Wilson seconded by Council Member Crawford to reappoint Justin Sellers to the recreation board. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to reappoint Heidi Sweatt to the recreation board.

Council Member Shepherd made a motion to reappoint Heidi Sweatt to the recreation board. Council Member Wilson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to reappoint Judy Hicks to the recreation board.

Council Member Wilson seconded by Council Member Crawford to reappoint Judy Hicks to the recreation board. The motion carried unanimously.

Open to the Public

Robert League asked City Manager, Perry Hicks about the breakdown of the hotel/motel tax collections.

Mr. Hicks stated that we collect hotel/motel tax at a rate of 5%, which is distributed among the museum board, the chamber of commerce and the city general fund. He stated that law allows the city to keep 60% of total collections but we currently only keep 40% of the total collections. Hicks stated that he was unsure of the actual breakdown on the percentages that are sent to each the museum board and the chamber of commerce but could answer that question once he was at city hall in the morning.

There was no further business to come before the Mayor and Council.

Adjourn

Mayor Sewell requested a motion to adjourn the regular council meeting.

A motion made by Council Member Parrish to adjourn the regular council meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.